AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claim 1, 13, 15 and 16 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A window shade for motor vehicles comprising:

a winding shaft mountable within an automobile adjacent a window of the automobile, a shade web having an edge ~~is~~ fastened to the winding shaft,

a pull rod ~~arrangement~~ attached to the shade web at a location which is remote from where the shade web is connected to the winding shaft for movement with the window shade web between open and closed positions, said pull rod arrangement having an end extending laterally outwardly of said web,

at least one guide rail for receiving said outwardly extending end of said pull rod for guiding movement of the pull rod ~~arrangement~~ along the guide rail, and

at least one elastic lip mounted along the guide rail in contacting elastically deformed relation to the pull rod ~~arrangement~~ for biasing and maintaining the pull rod ~~arrangement~~ into continuous rattle-free contact with the guide rail.

2. (Original) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein the lip is formed on an elastic profiled strip.

3. (Original) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein the guide rail is undercut in such a way that it forms a guide groove extending in the longitudinal direction that is accessible from the outside through a continuous slit extending in the longitudinal direction and wherein the clearance of the slit is less than the width of the guide groove measured in the same direction.

4. (Original) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein the guide groove has a circular cross section or a square cross section.

5. (Original) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein the guide rail includes a fastening flange that extends over substantially the entire length of the guide rail.

6. (Original) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein the guide rail is made from an extruded profiled element.

7. (Original) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein the guide rail includes a holding arrangement for fastening the elastic lip in a positive manner.

8. (Original) The window shade according to claim 7 wherein the holding arrangement for fastening the elastic lip comprises an undercut groove.

9. (Original) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein the lip has a corresponding fastening arrangement for connecting the lip positively with the guide rail.

10. (Original) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein the guide rail includes a flange for receiving a portion of a lateral trim of a motor vehicle.

11. (Original) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein two lips are provided.

12. (Previously Presented) The window shade according to claim 11 wherein the two lips directly touch each other.

13. (Currently Amended) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein said pull rod ~~arrangement~~ is moveable in a slit in said guide rail, and said lip is configured to cover ~~each~~ the slit while allowing movement of said pull rod along said guide rail.

14. (Original) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein the length of the pull rod arrangement can be adjusted in a telescope-like manner.

15. (Currently Amended) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein the pull rod ~~arrangement~~ has a guide body on at least one end that works together with the guide rail.

16. (Currently Amended) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein the guide rail is connected with the pull rod ~~arrangement~~ via a neck and wherein measured in the direction transverse to a longitudinal extension of the guide rail the neck has a lesser diameter than the guide body.

17. (Previously Presented) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein the guide rail has a circular or polygonal cross section.

18. (Previously Presented) The window shade according to claim 1 wherein the guide rail has larger dimensions in the longitudinal direction than in the transverse direction such that the guide body cannot be rotated with respect to the guide rail.

19. (Original) The window shade according to claim 7 wherein the holding arrangement for fastening the elastic lip comprises a strip that has a T-shaped cross section